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REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of March 23, 2005 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19-25, 35 and 37.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1 and 37. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 19-25 and 34-37 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 37 is objected to because of informalities and claims 1-10, 34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the current amendments, all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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